

Approved: January 14, 2013

**MERRIMACK HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Finlay, Lynne, Kristen Anita, Deb

CALL TO ORDER:7:05 PM

REVIEW AND APPROVALof **MINUTES**–November minutes approved with one correction. October not reviewed.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:Will seek to find volunteers to assist with specific projects. Still need new members of the Commission. Discussed potentials.

OLD BUSINESS:

Display Case:January/February. Anita will prepare display based on “Gone But not Forgotten” theme of buildings no longer in existence and what has replaced them. Future theme of historical residents.

Portraits for Town Hall:Anita has thumb drive with portraits from Janice Brown and quote from Ritz Camera. Ritz is no longer in business locally. Kristen will research another source. Will review framing needs after portraits are made. Plan to display them in the Matthew Thornton Conference Room.

Dam Plaque and Sign:Brass plaque has arrived and is stored in Becky’s office. It is heavy and large. Finlay will discuss mounting with Dave Brooks. Need to work with Fire Dept. as well.

ChamberlainBridge Sign: Finlay has met with Dave Brooks and suggests putting signage on same side of the bridge as the “Town of Merrimack” sign. He can do in in one day, but the town won’t be ready for this action for 2 years. No cost discussed yet. Finlay will get this.

Seaverns Bridge Sign:Kyle (DPW) can pick up boulder from Tomasian’s and get it to Brooks to mount. Finlay will provide sign for him. Hope to have this done before ground freezes. Want to have publicity for the installation.

Town Tour Brochures: Anita got some of the information from Lexi today. Should have remainder in next two days. Lynne will check with Ken for additional photos, when Anita tells her which are needed. Lynne will also check with a friend, Robin, who may be able to redesign the brochures. Lynne has samples of Reeds Ferry and Town Center brochures. The one on Thornton’s Ferry is in early stages. Anita will review changes that need to be made.

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Historic Buildings Plaques: Still some in Becky's office to be delivered. Anita will get this done.

Town Master Plan Committee: No further meetings for us to attend. Barbara Watson will notify us of anything we need to know. Once the work is complete, it will be submitted to the Town Council for approval, and we will get a copy.

Cemeteries: Work by Eagle Scouts is complete. There are other things to be done in future. A Cemeteries Trustees group is being formed, and will be submitted to the Town for addition to the charter. May result in formal "closing" of the Historic Cemeteries. Mr. Debelis may get permission for cremation burial in Turkey Hill Graveyard.

Holiday Cards: Finlay has given his brother a list of pictures we need taken this winter. Will discuss prospects for new card size and design in near future. Will print one-sided, but using some of the old pictures.

NEW BUSINESS: None. Need to review annual report at next meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS: None

MEETING CLOSED: 8:40 PM

NEXT MEETING: Jan. 14, 7 PM. Community Development Conference Room